



Horsfield's Tortoise



OVERVIEW



- Scientific Name: *Testudo horsfieldii*
- Origin: Central Asia
- Ease of Care: Intermediate
- Potential Adult Size: 5-10 inches
- Life Span: Upwards of 75 years
- Behaviour: Diurnal
- Diet: Herbivore
- Handling: Beginner
- Humidity: 40-50%

TOP TIPS

- ✓ Make sure to add a water bowl that is not too deep and is easy to access.
- ✓ Provide a substrate deep enough to burrow.
- ✓ Each Tortoise will have a different appetite, adjust accordingly.
- ✓ Stimulate your tortoise's senses by offering a variety of foods with different colours and smells.
- ✓ Avoid high protein foods, to prevent rapid shell growth and deformation.
- ✓ To increase calcium intake, try using a cuttlefish bone

EQUIPMENT NEEDED

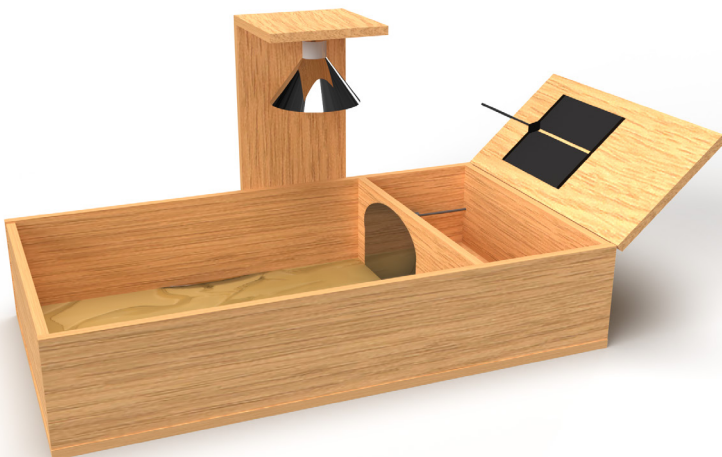


- Housing: Tortoise Table
- Heating & Lighting: Arcadia 2nd Generation UV Basking Lamp
- Substrate: HabiStat Tortoise Bedding
- Water: HabiStat Tortoise Pool

ENVIRONMENT



Tortoise Table Setup



Heating

The Horsfield's Tortoise (*Testudo Horsfieldii*) is an ectothermic (cold-blooded) animals and take all their heat requirements from external sources.

- Background Temp: 21°C-25°C (69°F-77°F)
- HOT Spot: 32°C (90°F)
- Night-Time Temp: 23°C-25°C (74°F-77°F)

Using the Arcadia 2nd Generation UV Basking Lamp 100w (RSMA10027) will provide both heat and essential UV to your Tortoise Table.

Please note, the Arcadia 2nd Gen UV Basking Lamp can't be used through a thermostat.

HOUSING



We recommend the HabiStat Tortoise Table (HSTTO) for the Tortoise throughout their lifetime.

You could maintain night-time temperatures using a HabiStat Heat Mat running through a HabiStat Mat Stat (HTMW1) in the Tortoise Tables dedicated sleeping quarters if they are dropping to low

Check temperatures regularly, using a reliable dual thermometer and hygrometer to ensure there are no extreme fluctuations.

Substrate and Decoration

Personal choice will dictate how you decorate your enclosure, but we recommend the following as examples:

- Habistat Tortoise Bedding (HSTB10)
- Wood/branches climbing over, hiding, and sleeping on/under.
- Live or artificial plant decoration will provide darker areas for the Horsfield's to use as shelter.

DIET & WATER

The Horsfield's Tortoise is a leafy greens, weeds, and flower eating species. Feed your Horsfield's Tortoise during the day when it is most active.

Offer a varied range of organic sourced greens

The addition of HabiStat Tortoise Food

(HSTFM200) can be great for dietary variety.

Always provide a source of fresh water, ideally something like the HabiStat Tortoise Pool (HRRDTPL).

To maintain and regulate humidity within the enclosure, mist the substrate as required.

SUPPLEMENTATION

The Horsfield's Tortoise needs additional supplementation in the form of a calcium and multi-vitamin powder such as Arcadia Earth Pro-A (RAREP100) and Arcadia Earth Pro Calcium Mg (RAREPCM80). Follow the on-pack instructions.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Instead of teeth, this tortoise has a tough horny beak. This can be quite sharp, make sure not to put your fingers too close. Their beak may need a trim which your vet will be able to do.
- A group of tortoises is called a "creep".
- A scute is a section of a tortoise's shell. The number of scutes a tortoise has is the same throughout their lifetime, as they grow at the same rate as the tortoise.

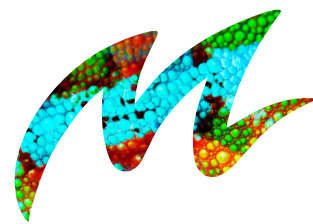
HEALTH & HYGIENE



We recommend the following cleaning routine to keep your Horsfield's Tortoise healthy and happy:

	Water	Substrate	Enclosure
Daily	Change old water for fresh water	Spot clean	Check vents on enclosure are not blocked and allow air to pass through freely
Weekly	Disinfect water bowl or dish	Agitate substrate to prevent any bacterial build-up and remove any dirty bedding	Wipe down glass and walls with a reptile safe disinfectant
Monthly		Full substrate change	Wipe down inside the enclosure and disinfect décor with a reptile safe disinfectant

Always wash your hands, surfaces and equipment with warm water and disinfectant immediately before and after handling or feeding your Horsfield's Tortoise, their food, enclosure and any other equipment.



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